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Christmas Concerts

Totley County School are staging two productions for PARENTS at Christmas. The Infant Play entitled 'Now We've Christmas' will be performed on the afternoon of the 8th December, whilst the Juniors will be performing 'Baboushka' a play with music on the evenings of 14th and 15th December.

Totley All Saints School are holding their Junior Christmas Service in the School Hall on Wednesday 16th December at 7.15pm. This breaks with tradition by

THE ILLUSTRATION ABOVE appeared in 'The Leisure Hour' book for 1872, entitled 'A hard winter feeding the deer at Chatsworth. Visitors to our local stately home will know that there is still a large herd in the park.



not holding the service in church. This is to facilitate viewing of dramatised sections of the service.

The infant musical 'Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo', for Parents and Friends, is at 7pm, on Friday, 18th Dec.



O IT'S CHRISTMAS!

DECEMBER was the tenth month of the Roman year and takes its name from the latin word for 10 - decem.

White Christmases are getting rarer. Before the calendar change in 1752, when Christmas Day fell on what is now January 6th, they were more common because snow often reaches England in the first half of January. This century there have only been seven Christmases when snow has fallen in London, and only three of these, 1927, 1938 and 1970, have given the City a Christmas-card appearance.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

THUNDER

SINCE THE FORMATION in 1977 of the Totley Residents Association, the subject of a Community Building in Totley has been at the back of many peoples minds, and the Public Meeting on Wednesday, 25th November, showed that everyone is in favour of such a project. (In fact no-one was against it).

It will not be an easy issue to see through to a successful conclusion, but perhaps now the idea has been given "Yes" most people will feel able and want to support it in a positive manner.

At the end of the old year we think of resolutions for the new one, perhaps the Public Meeting was well timed.

May we wish all our readers a very Happy Christmas.



Public meeting

A REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS HELD AT TOTLEY COUNTY SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER.

There was an enthusiastic turn out, but considering the all important issues that were to be discussed the numbers were low.

ROAD SAFETY

Philip Jones gave the up-to-date situation on the local Road Safety Campaign and informed that the traffic lights were now in operation.

Great concern was expressed by the audience as to how pedestrians might safely cross Glover Road near to the lights and as to the condition of the hand rail and slope of the footpath.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

It was obvious that this sport was not fully understood by those present and members of the Totley Tomatoes team answered questions and brought their special bikes along. It was reported that several sites in the area were under consideration for building a cycle speedway track, the favourite being the small field on Abbeydale Rd. South, which is sometimes used as a car park for the Industrial Hamlet. Funding appears to already be available and further contact would now be made with the Recreation Dept.

TUG OF WAR SITE

The problems of holding Tug of War Competitions in Green Oak Park were

again highlighted in view of the embarrassment caused when visiting teams discovered that no level area was available. Again the Recreation Dept. were to be contacted but also the Polytechnic were to be approached with a view to using a strip of land adjacent to their tennis courts, as an interim measure, as this is level and suitable.

COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was reported that five members of the T.R.A. Committee had recently visited three Community Buildings, in other areas, to obtain background information and a report of their findings was given.

Basically, centres had been built in other areas after establishing there was such a need, and then taking bold initiatives to build them.

Members of the audience then went on to ask questions, give constructive comments and generally indicate that such a scheme was long over-due, bearing in mind the problem of youth and lack of facilities in the area. The meeting was unanimous that a centre in Totley was much needed and would be whole-heartedly supported and from a show of hands a decision should be made to build one - for the benefit of all sections of the community. It was further reported that the majority of local associations, who had been approached were broadly in agreement of the main proposal.

A separate building fund account would need to be started and the Totley Independent and Tug of War Club pledged a small amount to get it under way, this met with general approval.

The details of the Building Fund would be discussed fully at the next T.R.A. committee meeting and reported next month.

The possibility of temporary premises in the area should be investigated, short-term.

Perhaps the most accepted suggestion was on the general subject of Green Oak Park and the role which it serves and might serve. It was pointed out that this tends to be a focal point with a full range of activities taking place there, however, it does not seem really ideal for the many functions it is currently asked to perform. Generally it is very uneven and lacks changing rooms or any large scale indoor amenity. With this in mind it was suggested that an overall plan and programme should be investigated and researched for the future better usage of the park. It did seem that this area was central and

one of the few sites that might lend itself to a multi-purpose scheme.

THE PINFOLD

It was mentioned that further funds would be needed to complete the Pinfold work and this is reported elsewhere in the magazine.

SCOUT HUT

The Scouts gave the background information on the problems they had encountered with their premises and it was accepted as to why these could not be incorporated into a more general building.

BOTTLE BANK

The suggestion of this was thought to be a good idea and should be looked into in more detail and the findings published.

A further Public Meeting will be arranged shortly to follow up the launching of the Building Fund, ideas for fund raising, a target date etc. This is now of interest to everyone in Totley and their attendance will be much appreciated.

The initiative has been taken and at least this removes the question mark that has hung over the idea for the last few years.

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LOCAL FOOTBALL Under 12

Totley Under-12 football team start the season with a run of 4 consecutive league defeats. By contrast, they had wins in the Cup which took them to the quarter finals and a meeting with the Junior Blades. Although very much the "under-dogs", Totley had most of the day had an equalising goal disallowed when losing for one goal, and were unlucky to finally lose 2:0. The run included a win over Poxon, the current league leaders, and this gave the boys a confidence boost, resulting in 4 victories in the next 5 matches, results in the league are as follows:-

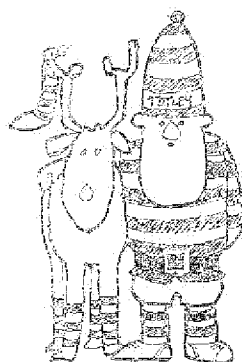
Mallan Rangers	Lost	0:6
Totley Juniors	Lost	2:5
Wesley Crd. Juniors	Lost	0:3
Porter	Lost	2:4
New Woodhouse	Won	3:1
Hensworth Juniors	Won	2:1
She Edge	Lost	1:6
Asheleigh	Won	3:2
Dinnington Juniors	Won	4:2

League goalscorers:-

Nicky Hickman	4
Bradley Fairhead	4
Andrew Edwards	4
Richard Carlisle	3
Andrew Goering	2
John Ward	1
Dean Marshall	1

Cup goalscorers:-

Nicky Hickman	3
Bradley Fairhead	2
Andrew Edwards	1
Andrew Goering	1
Dean Marshall	1



Her leadership will be greatly missed, (see later note from Group Scout Leader).

Our recent Jumble Sale was successful and made approx. £130 - we thank all those who helped, attended and/or donated jumble.

May we remind everyone of a). our disco on Saturday 5th of December at 8 pm. at Heatherfield Conservative Club. (Tickets priced at £2 per person includes supper). Tickets from committee members or contact John Turner.

b). Carols and Coffee Evening on Tuesday 8th December in All Saints Church Hall. Tickets at the door - there will be carol singing and also refreshments and handicrafts, nearly new and card stalls etc.

May I take this opportunity of wishing all readers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 1982.

John D. Turner.
Group Chairman.
Tel.367594.



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need YOU**

ATTRACTIVE vacancies are now available !

The 1st Totley Scout Group needs your help and assistance in the running of the Tuesday and Wednesday cub scout packs, and in the training of cub scouts, and we feel sure that amongst our parents and friends, both male and female, there are some who have special talents which would enable them to assist by becoming LEADERS or ASSISTANT LEADERS, and taking charge of a pack on a regular weekly basis.

It is only with the help of volunteers that we can provide proper scouting facilities in Totley.

Will you help us, and if you feel that you can, please contact Gordon Wragg, Group Scout Leader at 366726 or any Cub Leader urgently.



At Christmas play and make good cheers
For Christmas comes but once a yeere !

Under 14

Totley Junior football Under-14 years - having played 10 matches so far this season, and only drawn two, it is a poor start but the boys are working hard and very enthusiastically trying to get better results. So far this season, we have played 8 league matches, 1 knock-out cup match and a friendly.

Results:-

Totley 1	Norfolk 7	League (h)	E. Harper
Totley 0	Brunsmear 7	K-C Cup (h)	
Totley 2	Ashleigh 7	Friendly (a)	J. Bailey
Totley 2	Waleswood 5	League (a)	E. Harper (2)
Totley 0	Hillsborough 3	League (h)	
Totley 2	Dronfield 2	League (a)	S. Goering, A. Dickinson
Totley 0	Handsworth 5	League (h)	
Totley 2	Hensworth 2	League (h)	A. Dickinson, S. Jackson
Totley 0	Windsor 6	League (h)	
Totley 4	Pairway 7	League (a)	E. Harper (3), G. Long

Greenoak FC

Timbertop (a)	0:1
Rowlinson (h)	1:3
Queens Social (a)	1:0
Royal Oak Venturers (h)	1:3
A.P.C. Bargoyne (a)	3:2
White Horse (h)	1:2
Gleadless (a)	2:0
Cutlers (h)	5:4
Thorpe Tigers (a)	1:0
Turf Tavern (a)	0:0
Norfolk Park T.A. (a)	2:2

next month:

**Cub scouts football &
Totley Sports FC**

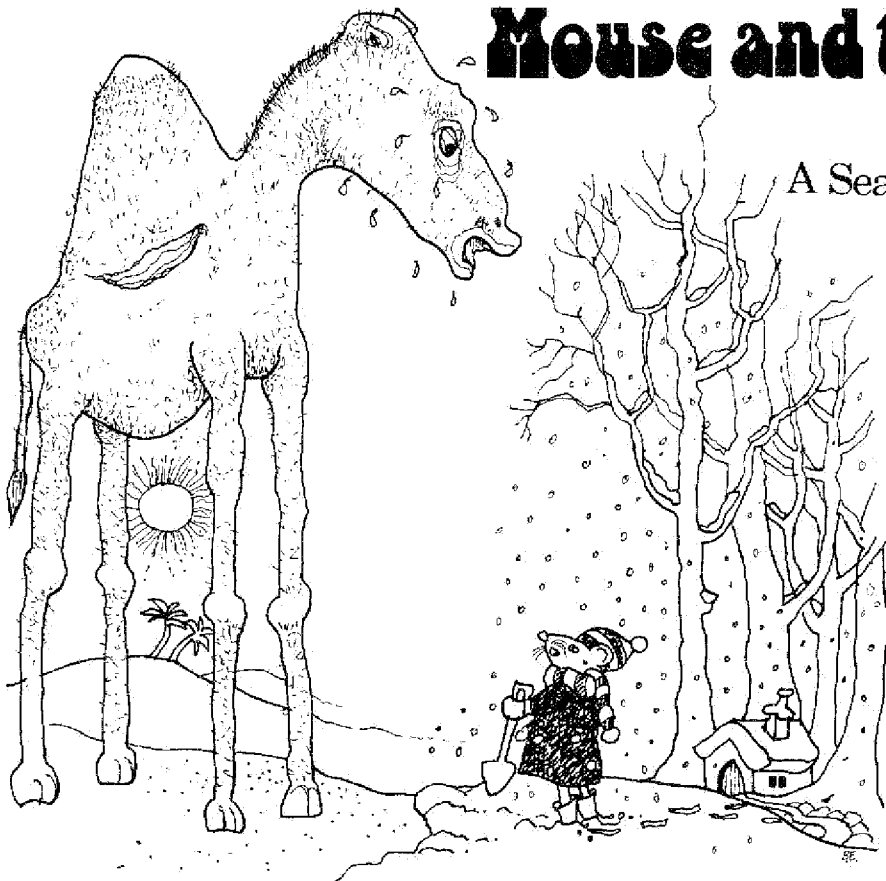


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SCOUT GROUP

As some of you may be aware, we are losing Cath Hilton Tapp (Tuesday Pack Cub Scout Leader). Cath and John are moving for business reasons and we all wish them well in their new venture and take this opportunity of thanking Cath for her devoted service to the movement over the years.

Mouse and the Chrismels

A Seasonal Story by
Robin Carter



Mouse woke up and it was still dark. The wind howled and the snow flurried about, everywhere but one place. Mouse pushed and clawed at the packed snow, levering with his snout to clear a path from his small front door, in Gillfield Wood.

Why wasn't it snowing over there he thought, everywhere else, but not over there. I'll go and have a look. Soon he was piling the snow either side of his front path with his little paws, stopping to lick the snow from between his claws. At last he arrived at the clear place, it was warm like a summer day, the grass was green, the trees were in leaf and the birds were singing. "Strange and wonderful, oh strange and wonderful", thought mouse, and proceeded to fill himself with the nuts and seeds all around. "Don't be greedy" said a deep voice. Mouse looked round and there behind a large bush was a thing with a hump, and as big as a horse. "Who are you?" said mouse. "I am a camel" said the hump. "What's a camel?" said mouse. "Well, I am dopey, a sort of horse with big feet and a hump, but I am a very

special camel, I'm a Christmas Camel, and that's even better than an ordinary camel", said Camel.

"Why's that?" asked mouse.

"Christmas camels are never cold"

explained camel. "We are so warm, we carry summer around with us".

"I don't believe you" said mouse.

"Anyway camels only live in deserts".

"That's where you are wrong see" contradicted camel. "We Christmas camels, or Chrismels as we are known in the camel family, live all over the world, actually I'm a Welsh Chrismel by birth, although I've lived in Totley for quite a while.

Now as to carrying summer around with us, it's summer here isn't it?" "Well I suppose it is," agreed mouse grudgingly.

"But I don't believe you are carrying it around with you, it's a coincidence that you're here at the same time as a freak weather condition, I bet you can't take it with you".

"Oh can't I, just you wait and see" said Chrismel. "What's more, there's something else special about Chrismels".

"And what may that be?" asked mouse sounding just a little fed up with this self opinionated new friend of his, even

though he was enjoying the warm weather.

"We can fly", exploded Chrismel. "You were very lucky to find me", continued Chrismel. "I was only standing here waiting for a friend who's coming up from England's head office at Camelot, and then we're off to the annual Chrismel convention together, you can come with us if you like - on second thoughts, perhaps you shouldn't, after all those rude things you said about Chrismels".

"Please let me come" said mouse. "I'll just go and get a warm coat".

"How many times do I have to tell you, it's always summer where we are, go and get your sun glasses and bathing costume if you like, but not a warm coat, definitely not a warm coat", said Chrismel.

Mouse hurried off and returned with a small travelling bag into which he had thrown his bathing costume, sun glasses, sandals and of course, his floppy hat. When he returned, Chrismel has sat down and was busy preening his flight feathers.

"Got to give them a pre-flight check" he said, "specially as I'll be carrying a passenger".



Just then there was a great commotion and a whooshing noise and another Chrismel appeared, flying over the hedgerows from Holmesfield, which

immediately changed to green with birds singing, as the Chrismel passed over them. Presently it landed next to mouse's Chrismel.

"Hello Clarence", said the second Chrismel, "Am I late" ?

"Just a bit" said Clarence. "Well how are you Claude ? Haven't seen you since last Christmas, at the convention in Texas".

"I'm fine Clarence, who's your small friend" ? said Claude. "I don't know his name so we'll call him mouse, I've agreed to take him to Iceland with us for the convention, he doesn't believe we carry summer with us where ever we go" said Clarence.

"Well now we'll just have to show him different won't we" said Claude.

"Hop aboard mouse and hang on tightly,



because once we pass over the north of Scotland, we've only got three stop off points as we pick up other Chrismels in the Orkneys, Shetlands and Faroes" said Clarence Chrismel. Mouse jumped on

Clarence's back and settled himself in front of the hump and then with a great spreading and flapping of wings, Claude and Clarence took off and headed north.

Mouse was pleasantly surprised at the warm weather. As they reached the Edinburgh area, they circled the city and were quickly joined by the contingent from Glasgow, Edinburgh and onwards through Scotland, Chrismels from the Dundee, Aberdeen, Inverness and Highland areas joined the party, all headed north, for the first stop on the Orkney Islands. When they arrived at the collection point, Chrismels from the rest of England, Wales and Ireland were already there, along with representatives from Southern Europe and the Middle and Far East.

After a short rest they took off again for the Shetlands and Faroes where they were joined by local and Central and Northern European Chrismels.



Pretty soon the sky was full of Chrismels, all dressed in national costume, and the noise of the wing beats of a thousand or more Chrismels, mouse found almost too much.

Just before the sun set, the huge party landed in Iceland and found the parties from the America's, Canada and Australasia had already arrived. Clarence told mouse that there were probably over 3,000 delegates at the convention.

Just as Clarence said, and of course mouse now believed, everywhere that mouse could see, it was summer. The glaciers and snow were melted, the stunted Birch scrub was in full leaf and the air was full of bird song. The sun set and all the delegates and mouse settled down to sleep for the night.

The following morning they all rose early and sat down to a huge breakfast prepared by the Icelandic Chrismels - this was their big day, for the convention would next be in Iceland nearly 100 years from now.

After breakfast, Clarence said "When the President makes his speech, he'll tell us all again, he does it every year, why it is we are special camels and why we carry summer with us, and you'll just have to believe".

The President rose and called for silence. He welcomed the delegates to the nineteen hundred and eighty first convention. He thanked their Icelandic hosts for their hospitality and then commenced his speech.

"Fellow Chrismels of the world" he said, "we are gathered here to remember again our special position. As you all will know, nearly 2,000 years ago the baby Jesus was born and afterwards, three wise men visited him. They rode a long distance on camel back. And as a gift to the camel family for the uncomplaining way they did their duty, all camels born on Christmas Day would carry summer with them where ever they went, to bring peace and plenty and joy to everyone".

Just then mouse realised it was Christmas Day.

BANG THE BOMB ?

On Wednesday, 18th November, at Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall, Professor John Ferguson gave a talk entitled "Peace building in a violent society". The Professor was for ten

years a Dean of the Arts Faculty, Open University amongst other things, and is at present, Chairman of the United Nations Association National Executive.

The Professor began his talk by emphasising the fact, that, because of shortening travel times between countries, we must consider ourselves to be one world and not separate from countries such as Iran or Iraq. His comment on the fact that if we were invaded by Martians, we would consider ourselves to be one world, was very apt. It was a sobering thought to be told that there are enough nuclear weapons in existence to destroy our world.

At the present time there are approx 13,000 warheads, equalling 25 million tons of T.N.T. or 1 million Hiroshima bombs, or enough to kill all of us 690 times over.

Countries with nuclear weapons tell us that they are a deterrent only, and will never be used, but the Professor stated that the same thing was said of the crossbow, hundreds of years ago. In his opinion, one of the more serious aspects of keeping nuclear weapons, seems to be the fact that the system does not allow for human error.

Between 1979 and 1980 there were 3,854 nuclear alerts, one example being of a training tape put into a current computer.

The World Disarmament Campaign believe that partial or total disarmament by stages, is the only way to overcome this very real danger.

By next year, there could be a statement by the Scandinavian countries to declare themselves to be a nuclear free zone. This would set an example for others to follow.

If war cannot be the method used by nations for approbation, which method can be used ?

In Professor Ferguson's opinion, the economic boycott is the best method available. He said that it was a sad fact that poverty and disease, (the real enemies), could be virtually overcome by a change-over of spending on nuclear weapons.

The talk was greatly appreciated by the capacity audience, and I am now certain in my own mind that "Peace on earth, goodwill to all men" must be the future aim for all of us.

Pauline Perkinson.



TREE CHEERS FOR CHRISTMAS!

WARBURTON'S WORLD

ANYONE STROLLING by the banks of either Totley Brook or Old Hay Brook during or after heavy rain must have noticed how impermanent the streams' courses are. Every year I walk the length of Totley Brook and note the changes wrought by the winter floods.



"EVERY YEAR I WALK THE LENGTH OF THE BROOK"

Deep gulleys are gouged out; old familiar ones are filled with silt; trunks and stumps are torn from their moorings and deposited further downstream; in extreme cases the very bed of the stream is totally changed. The force of the winter spates beggars description, moving huge pieces of water-logged wood (and occasionally bridges) over the irregular course of the stream, down waterfalls and round the windings and eccentricities of its journey's beginning. Even more impressive is the sheer nagging persistence of constant running water, slowly, crumb by crumb, removing soil, rocks and trees from the banks.

One familiar path crossing the stream and ascending the Derbyshire bank is vanishing quite perceptibly and will eventually - perhaps within a couple of years - disappear into the water below.

Along first Totley Brook and then the Sheaf, evidence of the irresistible force of moving water is at every hand. The valley itself - sometimes wide and open, at others flanked by a steep wooded scarp slope where the strata has been eroded - is a testament to thousands of years of abrasion by our tiny local stream and its tributaries. In fact, Sheffield owes its very existence to a combination of hills, with their heavy rainfall and subsequent rapidly flowing streams, and local deposits of minerals and coal.

Long may our local brooks gurggle onward, clean and clear. Their time-scale is beyond our reason and their handywork is truly monumental.

TOPS.

THE AUTUMN FAYRE and Sale held on 6th November was a great success, particularly considering it was the first such effort. Encouraging as this was to the organisers, even more so was the way in which all concerned willingly and cheerfully 'got stuck in' to ensure this.

All this would have foundered in chaos through lack of space without the co-operation of the Principal of Green Oak View, Mrs. Eason, and her staff, in making available another room and additional facilities for the provision of refreshments. We are extremely grateful to them all.

Attendances keep breaking records: on 18th November we were three short of a capacity crowd. We are looking for a retired blacksmith, to act as "chucker out" should this become necessary and, in his slack moments, to forge balls and chains for attachment to certain members when the 1982 bowling season commences.

Yoo Hoo!

CALLING TOTLEY SENIOR CITIZENS:

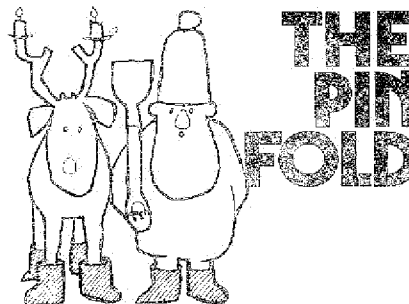
AS MENTIONED last month, the children of Totley County and Totley All Saints Schools are presenting special Christmas entertainments, to which all Totley Senior Citizens are invited.

Totley County School, Sunnyvale Road, are staging a special performance of their Junior Christmas production "Baboushka" in the School Hall on Wednesday, 16th December at 10.30 am.

Totley All Saints School are performing "Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo" in the School Hall on Friday 18th December at 2 pm. Given by the Infants.

This is the first year that concerts are being specially given to local Senior Citizens, so please make their efforts worthwhile by going along and enjoying yourselves. Admission is free, if you can make your own way to the schools, simply come along; if however, you are unable to make your own way, and would like transport to attend either event, please contact: Peter Fumiss, Division 3, Redvers House, Union Street, Sheffield 1. Tel. 734910.

If anyone can help by giving a lift to a local housebound person, contact Peter Fumiss. Commitment would be for only a quarter of an hour before and after the concerts.



AN APPEAL

The Totley and District Environment Society's main project is the creation of 'The Pinfold Garden' and for the benefit of any new residents this is the conversion of the waste piece of land in front of All Saints School to a garden and rest area. This was the original "Pinfold", in the heart of the old Totley village, for holding and watering stray cattle until a payment was made to recover them, way back in the 1800 period. This location was then known as the junction of Market Street and Dore Road.

The main feature of the garden will be the two old stone troughs, which were buried eight feet down, for fifty years, and have now been recovered.

Although over £150 has already been spent, it is estimated that a further £400 is still required for stone slabs, granite dust, plants and seating etc.

All donations, large or small, will be greatly appreciated. Anonymous donations will be respected.

The Treasurer is Mr. A.C. Tickner, 42 The Grove.

It is intended that this amenity will remain forever the property of the people in Totley, for all to enjoy.

Two vandal proof seats are to be installed on the Pinfold. The first is in memory of Tommy Sampy and the second is to be dedicated to the memory of Frank Taylor. Permission was given by his son, Bill, who thought Frank would have liked the idea, having played as a child, around the school and pinfold.

The seats are now ordered, and further funds are required to meet the cost.

T.A.D.E.S. are hoping to deliver a letter of explanation with a request for donations to each home in the district.

cor. pip that!

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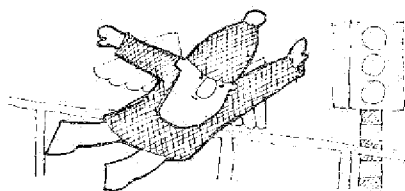
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SPOTTED ! The First Cuckoo !
Male shopper seen climbing over new railings at Totley Rise after dark.

We cannot believe that anyone would knowingly carry out such a dangerous practice and therefore presume he was eager to gain a front seat to witness the switching on ceremony of Totley's own Christmas Lights.

On a more serious note, we would be interested to receive your letters, remarks and comments on the new traffic light system at Baslow Road/Glover Road.

Concern has already been expressed as to the dangers of crossing Glover Road near the lights due to traffic turning left into Glover Road from Baslow Road. It is therefore important that extreme care is taken when crossing to Totley Rise shops from near the lights. It is possible that a re-think may be in order by South Yorkshire County Council once problems have been highlighted, gained through local experience.



YOU WILL SOON have the opportunity of thinking up many and varied ways of fund - raising once the details of the Community Centre Building Fund have been announced.

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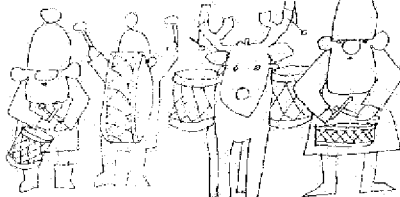
Hot & Cold Snacks

MON - FRI
12 to 2pm

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MAJORETTES

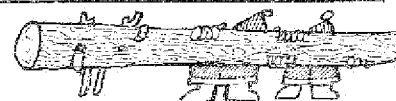


WILL ANY parent or adult who is interested in helping with the formation and running of a local Majorettes group, please contact Lyn Yellott, 57 Green Oak Road, (or contact the magazine).

SHEFFIELD AND ROTHERHAM PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY

The Nurses' Jumble Sale, held at United Reformed Church Hall, on September 19th, on behalf of the above society, raised over £200 and over £100 was received by the society in subscriptions and donations. They wish to convey their thanks to everyone who contributed in any way.

For further information about the society, please ring Christine Stubbs on 51150.



The bringing in of the Yule - log was a Norse custom observed in honour of Thor, from whose name we derive our word Thursday or Thor's-day. The mighty log was drawn into the baronial hall with great pomp, while the bards sang their songs of praise and chanted "Welcome Yule".

The word 'Yule' was derived from the Scandinavian festival called 'Juul', when great bonfires were lit to feast the god Thor.

When the cult of Santa Claus arrived from the United States in the last century it didn't take long for him to become fused with the more English character of old "Sir Christmas", but the two can still be distinguished. Father Christmas traditionally wears a long red robe with a fur-trimmed hood, whereas Santa Claus wears tunic, breeches, boots and cap.

The term 'Father' was simply an honourable form of address for an old man, as in Father Time.

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DECEMBER DIARY

- 1st Tue. Library Talk, 8pm, Peter Furniss "Travels through India".
 2nd Wed. T.O.P.S. Cards, dominoes, what have you? 2pm, Heatherfield Club.
 2nd Wed. Mother & Toddler Group, 10.15am, All Saints Church Hall.
 4th Fri. King Egbert Lower School Disco, With Brian Moorby's Roadshow.
 4th Fri. to 10th. British Squash Championships at Abbeydale Sports Club.
 5th Sat. Senior Citizens Christmas Party at Totley College, 4 - 8pm.
 5th Sat. Christmas Fayre, All Saints School, 2pm. With Santas Grotto and tickets for the pantomime "Dick Whittington" will be available.
 5th Sat. Disco (1st Totley Scout Group) for parents & friends, 8pm, Heatherfield.
 5th Sat. Christmas Fayre, St. John's Church Hall, 2pm. (Scouts & Guides).
 8th Tue. Carols & Coffee Evening, All Saints Church Hall, 7.30pm.
 9th Wed. St. John's Wednesday Club, 8pm, Christmas Social.
 9th Wed. T.O.P.S. Some monologues from Mr. Bell.
 9th Wed. Mother & Toddler Group, 10.15am, All Saints Church Hall.
 12th Sat. Totley County School, Coffee Morning, 10am.
 16th Wed. T.O.P.S. Meet at Waggon & Horses, Millhouses (NOT at Heatherfield) at 1.30pm, prompt, for a Christmas Luncheon.
 16th Wed. Totley County School for Senior Citizens, Christmas Concert, 10.30am.
 16th Wed. Mother & Toddler Group, 10.15am, All Saints Church Hall.
 18th Fri. Totley All Saints School, Christmas Concert for Senior Citizens, 2pm.
 23rd Wed. T.O.P.S. CLOSED for Christmas, No meeting.
 25th Fri. Totley Independent closed for its Annual Days Holiday.
 30th Wed. T.O.P.S. "Knees up" - make your own fun in the old fashioned way.

JANUARY 1982

- 5th Tue. Totley All Saints Ladies Club, Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm.

Totley Orchestra

AS MANY OF YOU with a love of classical music will know, our own Totley Orchestra continues to rehearse each Tuesday night at Abbeydale Hall. Now in its 45th year, the orchestra boasts an average of about 15 players, almost all of them from our area and has become something of a local institution.

Dick Wrigglesworth, the only surviving member from its beginnings in 1937, tells us he is hoping to add to the present instrumentation and he would be only too pleased to hear from local people interested in joining. At the moment, Dick feels the orchestra would particularly benefit by the addition of extra strings, but all new players are very welcome.

Although the music is generally classical the orchestra can claim a comprehensive repertoire of material ranging from Grand Opera to March music. It is hoped that in the near future they will be able to expand their activities, by playing public functions and giving more performances generally. The players, quite rightly, believe their music could add something to many local occasions.

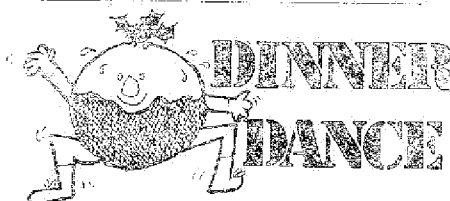
In the meantime, Dick Wrigglesworth is unfortunately at home with a broken leg, which he expects will keep him immobile until the end of the year. However, any-

one interested can contact him at 150 Prospect Road, tel. 364090. Alternatively please feel free to call at Abbeydale Hall any Tuesday in time for rehearsals at 7.30pm.

WELL PLAYED

CONGRATULATIONS to Jane Allen Grade 1 (Merit).

Jeremy Bazant Grade 1 and Adrian Tolson Grade 5 for their recent success in the pianoforte examinations of the Royal Schools of Music.



Totley Residents Association are pleased to announce that they will be holding their first Dinner Dance on Saturday, 20th February, 1982 at Abbeydale Sports Club, Abbeydale Rd. South. The price will be around £6 per person and numbers are limited to approx. 120/130. There will be a bar from 7.30 - 11.30pm. Tickets will be on a first come - first served basis and as requests for tickets have already started, anyone wishing to attend is advised to apply for their tickets as soon as the details have been announced in the January issue.

TOADS Goodnight Mrs Puffin

THIS WAS a play that could have lost an awful lot if the pace had not managed to keep as brisk as it did. Although there were no 'star' roles, Lil Robinson must be congratulated for taking on such a lengthy part, as well as playing it with great charm and character, not forgetting that she was equally well supported by the rest of the cast, allowing her to weave amusingly in and out of the plot. Dorothy Howes' neat production managed to keep the stage tidy and uncluttered, even when the full cast filled the set.

Michael Sills gave his 'humble' character almost a Dickensian flavour, which was by no means out of place, Richard Nauen obviously enjoyed his clowning and also well worthy of mentioning was David Thompson's very natural American accent - not the easiest of things to do convincingly. All in all, a good choice of play, thoughtfully cast and enjoyed by all.

Ladies Club

Totley All Saints Ladies Club are holding their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 5th January, 1982 at 7.30pm.

Will all members please make a special effort to attend.

What a drag!

When Shakespeare's plays were first performed, young men always took the female roles - we still see this today at Christmas time when a pantomime dame is played by a man.

